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Dear OM,

Herewith find two photographs taken at our recent Milwaukee Centurama, which was held from July 12th to Aug. 11th 1946, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the city.

Our "shack" housing W9USA was erected by the Centurama committee after they learned of the importance of amateur radio and that our effort would spread the word of the Centurama over the entire country, and to top it off it was one of the few exhibits that did not entail any expense for personnel or operating.

Ralph O. Koenig, W9RUF, MRAC president, was in charge of this club project with Al Krones, W9UIT in charge of operation of transmitter and operating personnel. All club members were invited to operate or assist, but as is usually the case the burden was carried by a few. The mainstays were W9GVL, SQK, RKP, HPZ, CCD, LZU, KCY and several of the clubs junior members.

Due to the bands having only recently opened up and the nets not being established, as they were before the war, it was very difficult to handle traffic. The accepting of messages from the public had to be curtailed in comparison to the way it was being handled by the amateurs we contacted. Many thanks to the FB co-operation of the old timers, the regular traffic men, without whose aid we would have been stuck.

A total of 1139 messages were handled by the following operators:

W9UIT	- 271
W9LZU	- 170
W9KCY	- 168
W9RKP	- 152
21 other operators	378
	1139

The equipment ~~used~~ consisted of a BC 610 transmitter used on 20, 40 & 80 with a 200 watt composite transmitter on 10 & 11 meters. Receivers were 2 HQ 120's and 2 Signal Corps BC 312's. A 2 meter receiver and transmitter, the latter using an Hy 75 was used for local work. Antennas were an 80 meter half wave end fed with 1/4 wave feeders, several 300 ohm flat line folded dipoles for 40 & 20 transmitting & receiving, a 10 meter 3 element rotary beam and a 2 meter J antenna.

A total of 1096 contacts were made as follows:

2 meters phone	93	20 meter CW	127
10 meters CW	6	20 " phone	52
10 " phone	209	40 " CW	362
11 " "	6	80 " CW	94
		80 " phone	147
			1069 total

We tried to QSL all QSO's but in many cases it was impossible as the calls were not listed, many changed to other call districts and many stations did not give QTH's. A total of 723 QSL cards were sent out, which, broken down is as follows:

W1	44	VØ	1	KP4	1
W2	82	VE1	3	PY	1
W3	48	VE3	9	W1/CT2	1
W4	63	VE5	1	W5/MM	1
W5	25	TI	2	SWL	11
W6	21	LU	2		
W7	8	CM	1		723
W8	103	OA	1		
W9	246	TG	1		
WØ	46	K4	2		

QSL cards were received from 225 stations and they still are coming in. We are sending out a second QSL card showing a picture of W9USA

We again wish to thank the many FB ops who took our tfc, ARRL headquarters for transmitting the W9USA announcement bulletin, Mr. George Bailey, ARRL president for following up our license application, and last but not least the FCC for granting us the license and call in so short a time. (2 weeks, believe it or not).

We hope you can use the photos, especially the large one, for QST and would we be tickled if it could find its way on to a QST cover.

With 73 E W Freis

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